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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CAMERON ET AL.

Examiner

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

1. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in prior Application No. 60/498,362, filed August 28, 2003, and names an inventor or inventors named in the prior application. Accordingly, this application will be examined with the filing date of August 28, 2003.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rhodes et al. (U.S. Pub. 2004/0044629 A1).

Regarding claims 1, 8 and 14, Rhodes et al. teach a system and a method of controlling access to call processing features of call processing software (Fig. 1, Fig. 3, and Fig. 4A), and a computer readable medium storing instructions for performing this method (Rhodes et al. claim 13), and the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a license file for call processing software; in response to a request to enable a call processing feature checking if the license file indicates the feature is valid for a call processing system (Fig. 3 - 300, 304, 308 – paragraph [0050] lines 3-5, paragraph [0062] lines 1-2, and [Fig. 4A – 400, 404, 408 – paragraph [0051] lines 1-6); and

if the feature is indicated as valid for the call processing system, allowing enablement of the requested call processing feature on the call processing system (Fig. 3 – 308 to 356, and Fig. 4A and Fig. 4B).

Regarding claims 2, 9, and 15 Rhodes et al. teach a system and a method and a computer readable medium of wherein the received license file includes a system identifier attribute (Fig. 2) and wherein the checking step further comprises the steps of:

determining if the license file system identifier attribute corresponds to the system identifier of the call processing system (Fig. 2 – paragraph [0037]; and

if the license file system identifier attribute corresponds to the system identifier of the call processing system, indicating the license information is valid (Fig. 3 – 324-352 – paragraph [0063] to [0070], Fig. 4A – 408-460, Fig. 4B).

Regarding claims 3, 10, and 16 Rhodes et al. teach a system and a method and a computer readable medium of wherein the received license file includes a call processing software version information attribute (Fig. 3, and Fig. 4A) and wherein the checking step further comprises the steps of:

determining if the call processing software version information attribute of the received license file corresponds to the call processing software version on the call processing system (Fig. 3 – 324 – paragraph [0063], lines 1-3, Fig. 4A – 416 – paragraph [0052], lines 1-3); and

if the call processing software version information attribute corresponds to the call processing software version on the call processing system, indicating the license information is valid (Fig. 3 – 324 – paragraph [0063], lines 3-6, Fig. 4A – 416 – paragraph [0052], lines 7-10).

Regarding claims 4-7, 11-13, and 17-20 Rhodes et al teach a system and a method and a computer readable medium of wherein the received license file indicates call processing software features able to be enabled (Fig. 3 – 344 – paragraph [00629], Fig. 4B – 468 – paragraph [0059]); and

wherein the received license file indicates disabled call processing software features (Fig. 3 – 352 – paragraph [0071], Fig. 4B – 472 – paragraph [0060]); and

wherein the received license file is encrypted and wherein the checking step further comprises the step of: decrypting the encrypted license file (Fig. 4A – 416, paragraph [0052]; and

wherein the received license file is received in electronic form (paragraphs [0037]).

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***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Biddle et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0107809 A1) teach a system and method for licensing management.

Serkowski (U.S. Patent 6,513,121) teaches a system and a method of securing feature activation in telecommunication system with encrypted message to a licensed server.

Serkowski et al. (U.S. Pub. 2004/0054909 A1) teach a system for licensing duplicated system to provide redundancy protection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khai N. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 270-3141. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:30AM - 5:00PM.

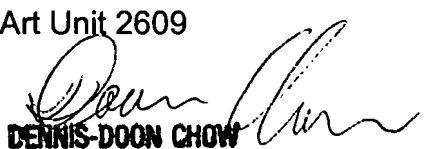
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Eisen can be reached on (571) 272-7687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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